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Anne Bissonnette's exhibit demonstrates how women's clothing has changed throughout the years. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

More women on the ballot

EDMONTON VOTES

Yet four wards still have only male options



**Jeremy
Simes**
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With four months to go until the deadline, there are already more women signed up to run in the Edmonton election than ran in 2013.

As of Wednesday, 18 women had officially thrown their hat into the ring for next October, according to the city's notice of intent list. Sixteen female candidates registered last time, and only one woman, Coun. Bev Esslinger, was elected.

"That's awesome," said Lana Cuthbertson, chair of Equal Voice — Alberta North, an organization that's been holding workshops to try to get more women to run.

"Even just two more than last time so far is a great, great thing," Cuthbertson said. "And there's still lots of time."

Advocacy groups such as Equal Voice have long argued more needs to be done to boost diversity in politics.

"Our politicians for quite some time represented just a small portion of our population ... and it was largely white men," Cuthbertson said.

"We want to see more women in politics because it generally makes a healthier democracy."

Esslinger, who is running for re-election in Ward 2, agreed there is still work to be done. She pointed out that the races for Wards 1, 3, 10 and 12 still only have male candidates.

"The minimum we should give people is choices, and that means having women represented at all wards," she said.

Cuthbertson said the political climate is changing, pointing to events such as the Women's March that have drawn attention to issues of equality.

"All these things that are going on are causing women to take notice that they need to step up. We need them," she said.

"The time is more ripe than ever."

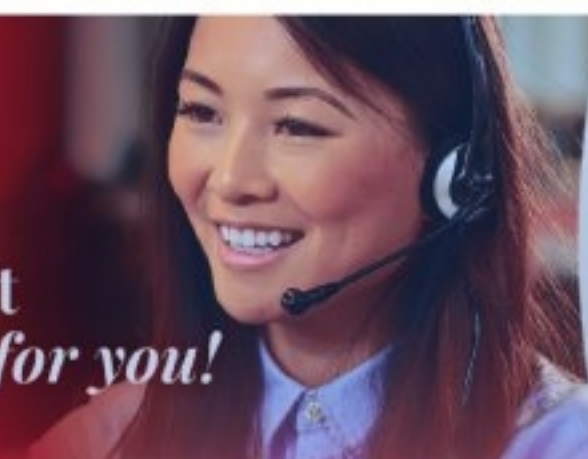
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History exhibit shows how clothing sizes became modelled on single 'outdated' body type **metroNEWS**

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Mill Creek Ravine bridges to be repaired and replaced



Jeremy Simes
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City crews are getting set to repair what historian Shirley Lowe calls some of Edmonton's last-standing historical artifacts.

"This is time to recover that story," Lowe said on Wednesday, referring to the historic bridges in the Mill Creek Ravine. Some were once used by trains, before being converted in the 1970s into much-loved pedestrian paths.

The city put out a call for bids from contractors this week, as they get ready to repair the five timber walkways starting later this summer.



This is a significant event in our history.

Shirley Lowe



The city is preserving old railway bridges which have been converted into use for pedestrians.

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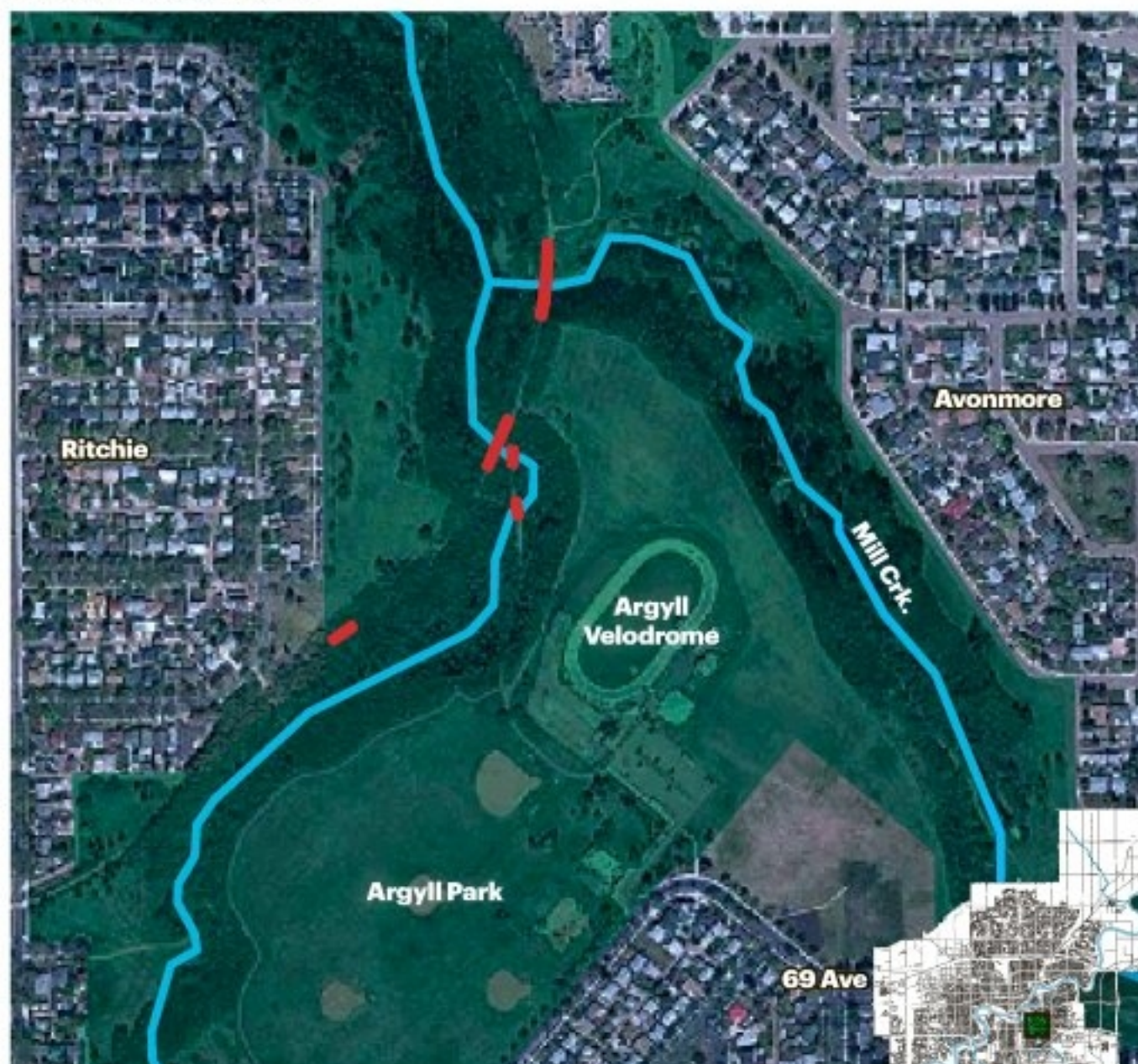
According to a recent city report, the three former railroad bridges will be rehabilitated with an eye to maintaining their historic look. Two other bridges aren't historic, and will be replaced.

The three old trestle bridges, located by the Argyll Velodrome between the communities of Avonmore and Ritchie, are over 115 years old, and in dire need of repair, the city says.

Lowe said the connectors were vital in Edmonton's early days, as residents of Old Strathcona, then an independent community, would take the train to work in the old coal mines north of the river. The

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A look at where the city will be replacing or rehabilitating five timber pedestrian bridges in the Mill Creek Ravine



The bridges

Mill Creek

train also carried materials between the two communities.

"People would be deposited at the bottom of McDougall Hill Road, and they would just climb up," she explained. "There were also lumber yards and brick yards — all kinds of things that built the city."

When planners first proposed the rehabilitation idea

a year ago, a survey showed 90 per cent of residents wanted to preserve the historic vibe of the bridges.

Lowe said such findings show Edmontonians truly care about the city's history.

"This is a significant event in our history. They are not in anyone's way and they have a good story to tell," she said.

"They really don't build those trestles anymore, so this is just share the stories behind it."

Crews are expected to complete the replacements and rehabilitation by October 2018. Other work includes removing piers to improve water flow and digging out contaminated soil. The project is expected to cost \$9.5 million.

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INVESTIGATION

Treasurer accused of defrauding charity

The treasurer of an Edmonton children's non-profit society is facing charges of defrauding the group of more than \$206,000.

A joint investigation between the Edmonton Police Service and Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission uncovered multiple fraudulent transactions withdrawn from the Children's Heart Society bank accounts.

It is alleged that the fraudulent transactions were made between 2013 and 2016.

Asa Wedman, who is 40, is charged with two counts of theft over \$5,000 and two counts of fraud over \$5,000.

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A fitting exhibit for women's clothing

FASHION

Researcher targets lack of practicality for ladies' garments

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A University of Alberta researcher is unravelling why some women have such a hard time finding clothes that fit.

Dr. Anne Bissonnette with the Department of Human Ecology has launched an exhibit called *Misfits: Bodies, Dress and Sustainability*, that argues women's clothing designs are impractical and outdated. "When it comes to clothing and textile, the one problem that most women encounter is that you cannot find a garment that fits you readily," she said.

While men's sizes are usually numbered in ways that are government regulated — like a

30-inch waist or a 14-inch neck — women's clothes tend to be coded by unregulated sizes.

For example, a Size 6 doesn't have to mean one specific thing. The problem, Bissonnette said, dates back to 1939-40 when the U.S. department of agriculture measured women to create the coded size system.

The measurements were mostly done on young women, who were often wearing corsets or girdles to reduce their hips or eliminate their stomach or buttocks — things women don't usually wear today.

"(Women) think it's them, that their bodies are not right, when in fact it's an antiquated body type that is continuously being re-used and used in ways that we can't make sense of when we go into the dressing room," Bissonnette said.

She is advocating for regulated size measurements similar to men's clothing, but also for clothes that accommodate different body shapes, arguing women have a "greater variety of bodies" due to muscles and

SEE IT

Misfits: Bodies, Dress and Sustainability

The exhibit runs through Sept. 13 at the University of Alberta's Department of Human Ecology. It will feature examples of corsets and dresses from the 1930s through 1950s to highlight a lack of adaptation in women's clothing designs.

Bissonnette co-created the exhibition with Josee Chartrand, Meg Furler, Yara Sayegh and Patricia Siferd as part of the graduate course "Material Culture and Curatorship."

KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO

fat tissues. The changes would require a significant shift in attitudes, she said, from both consumers and manufacturers.

"If you say, for example, that this is plus size, and you never thought of yourself as plus size, then you will panic at the



Dr. Anne Bissonnette is putting on a women's fashion exhibit to demonstrate how sizing of women's clothing has changed throughout the years. KEVIN TUONG/METRO

thought that you have to buy something in a plus size," Bissonnette said.

"So sometimes manufacturers are afraid of the stigma that would be attached to actually putting real measurements on a waist size." Accommodating a wider variety of bodies would also create a glut of inventory

for manufacturers.

She noted some have jumped on board, however, by giving the styles names that avoid stigmatizing — one woman might fit a "Margaret" style, for example, and another might fit the "Sally" style. While it might seem burdensome for manufacturers, Bissonnette said there is an appetite

for change.

"If there was somebody that decided to have a more efficient, organized, rational system, they likely would have women that would go to them and be very loyal to them, because they could find something readily without feeling depressed and trying things on forever," she said.

POLICE

Dad-daughter death to be probed

Court documents suggest a father who was found dead on the weekend alongside his six-year-old daughter was embroiled in a contentious custody dispute with the girl's mother.

CTV News has identified the six-year-old girl as Callie Camp-

bell and her father as Robert Lesslie Malcolm Campbell, 39.

Both were found dead in a home in Red Deer, Alta., on Sunday.

RCMP said Tuesday that the autopsies on the pair have been completed but the cause and manner of death had yet

to be determined and officials were waiting for more tests results.

The court documents include a sworn affidavit in which the mother, Debbie Hildebrandt, called Robert Campbell "a bully."

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Last chance to name alley

WHYTE AVENUE

Contest aims to increase vibrancy and walkability



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The time is almost up to name a Whyte Avenue alley that's getting a summer paint job and patio.

The City of Edmonton's Name That Alley contest wraps up Friday at 5 p.m. for the lane that has been closed to traffic between 104 Street and 105 Street.

It will be the second time since 2015 that the city has drawn attention to the space by adding splashes of colour, and it seems to be a welcome change for businesses in the area.

"I think closing off an alley like that has worked well for us in the past and now we're just taking it the next step further," said Old Strathcona Business Association execu-



Whyte Avenue will be painted in a labyrinth theme this year. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

tive director Murray Davison. Last year, the alley was covered in polka dots and hopscotch.

This year, it will be painted in a labyrinth theme.

Davison said any features added to the space will draw

more positive attention, and less of the negative aspects that sometimes come with being located in a busy night-life area.

"It will get utilized more, and not just as a bathroom," he laughed.

Nearby bar Malt and Mortar will also take some of the alley space with a patio that's going up for the summer.

Davison hopes to see more changes on Whyte in the future.

"I think you're going to see

"Closing off an alley has worked well for us in the past, and now we're just taking it the next step further."
Murray Davison

more of this happening within the community. Even the alley directly across from it has the potential for being closed down," he said.

"It's a safety aspect as well. As we continue to increase the walkability in the historic core here, the old way of having alleys coming out and crossing the sidewalk and then turning back out onto the major artery is quite dangerous."

Hani Quan, a senior planner with CityLab, said the city had received 47 submissions late Wednesday afternoon.

"Over time, we hope that this will help to transform the alley into a gathering place that continues to have meaning for the community," Quan said.

CARBON TAX

Mourners no longer asked for cash back

Alberta is bringing in new rules to make amends to 4,400 families who lost a loved one and were ordered to pay back their carbon-tax rebate.

"For a relatively small number of families, the program didn't work as it should have," Finance Minister Joe Ceci said Wednesday.

"These families received bluntly worded letters from the Canada Revenue Agency asking them to repay all or part of the rebate because the death of a loved one changed their eligibility."

"Grieving families should not face the indignity of a collection letter demanding the repayment of a benefit that is supposed to make their lives better."

Ceci made the changes in a tax statutes amendment bill introduced in the legislature Wednesday. The province will no longer seek the return of rebates due to death. Those who received the rebate on behalf of a loved one and paid it back will be reimbursed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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KEYSTONE XL

First Nations vow to stop pipeline by any means

A coalition of aboriginal groups from Canada and the U.S. has signed a declaration against the Keystone XL pipeline, vowing to use the courts and whatever other means necessary to block the controversial project.

At a signing ceremony in Calgary Wednesday, leaders of the Blackfoot Confederacy and Great Sioux Nation representing tribes in both countries called for more dialogue and consultations on the pro-

“All of us understand that if it’s necessary to stand in opposition, we’ll do that.” Casey Camp-Horinek

ject, which would run through their traditional lands.

“It’s our responsibility to protect, and get involved, advocate and prevent this type of threat from crossing traditional Blackfoot lands,” said Chief Stanley Charles Grier of the Piikani nation at the ceremony.

Chairman Brandon Sazue of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in South Dakota said they hope to use the “right way” of opposing the pipeline, including the courts and negotiations, but as a last means he and others are prepared to protest like they did against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Councilwoman Casey Camp-Horinek of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma, who was arrested at the Dakota Access protests alongside Sazue, said she’s also ready to protest again.

“We are hoping to find a peaceful resolution,” said Camp-Horinek, “but all of us understand that if it’s necessary for us to create a camp again, and to stand in opposition, we’ll do that.”

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Possible discussions about changing the fare system are part of Edmonton’s new transit strategy. CODIE MCLACHLAN/FOR METRO

City to talk fare model

TRANSPORTATION

Planners want to explore distance-based transit system

Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Should transit users pay more for travelling longer distances? It’s a conversation city planners want to have.

Sarah Feldman, the city’s general supervisor of transportation, said Tuesday that planners working on Edmonton’s new transit strategy want to explore a “distance-based” fare model after the city implements a new electronic fare payment system.

Feldman said conversations would have to happen at a regional level, as the electronic payment system would apply to suburban routes in communities like St. Albert and Strathcona County.

Discussions over potentially changing the fare system are part of the city’s new transit strategy, a massive overhaul

that proposes changes to routes and riders’ experiences.

The distance-based model is already in use in Vancouver, where the city and its surrounding bedroom communities are split into zones. The more zones you cross, the higher the fare.

Fans of the distance-based system argue users who travel further are essentially costing the system more, as buses would experience more wear-and-tear.

“If we’re looking at distances and integrating fare — crossing the boundaries from one municipality to another — there is some logic to the fare changing when you do that,” Feldman said.

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That isn’t to say we couldn’t have fare zones, but we’re not quite there yet.

Sarah Feldman

“That isn’t to say we couldn’t have fare zones in Edmonton, but we’re not quite there yet. We have to keep our eyes on what’s best practice over the next few

years.”

Details on when the electronic fare system roll out have yet to be outlined, though the city anticipates to make headway on the plans soon.

An update on the proposed route changes will be given in June. If council approves them, Feldman said the routes could be operational as soon as September 2018.

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Recognizing Indigenous writers



Lenard Monkman said the award would encourage more young Indigenous writers to come forward. CONTRIBUTED

EQUALITY

'Most positive outcome' from appropriation controversy

When he co-founded the Red Rising Magazine, community organizer and Indigenous journalist Lenard Monkman wanted to offer a platform for an accurate reflection of the First Nations communities.

"For far too long our voices have been misappropriated, and our stories have been told from a deficit point of view," he said. "We have a beautiful culture and beautiful ceremonies but

all you hear is negative stuff in the media."

An effort currently underway in Toronto to create a literary award recognizing Indigenous voices sounded like music to his ears. Lawyer Robin Parker launched an online fundraising campaign this week with the goal of supporting upcoming Indigenous writers. It was partly a response to the ongoing debate over cultural appropriation — which was sparked by an editorial in Write magazine that advocated for the creation of the "appropriation prize."

In just over two days, Parker's campaign has raised over \$30,000, beyond her initial goal of \$10,000. She says she's reaching out to Indigenous organiza-

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In wake of "Appropriation Prize" controversy, Canadian media editors have resigned or been reassigned, including Write's Hal Niedzviecki, The Walrus' Jonathan Kay and CBC The National's Steve Ladurantaye.

tions across the country so they can be the ones who manage the award.

"That would be extremely important in encouraging young Indigenous writers to continue to tell our own stories," said Monkman, who will moderate a panel

discussion on Indigenous Voices Rising next month at the Toronto Reference Library.

Journalists for Human Rights executive director Rachel Pulfer called the award initiative the "most positive outcome" from the appropriation controversy.

The group works with Indigenous youth across Canada to support emerging journalists, and such an award is one of their priorities for the next three years.

"It's absolutely crucial that we turn the page from this conversation on a theft prize and bring it into celebrating Indigenous voices," she said, noting the group would be keen to join forces with the new campaign.

"This is a very important piece of the puzzle."

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In this Sept. 4, 2013, photo, then-incoming FBI director James Comey talks with outgoing FBI director Robert Mueller before Comey was officially sworn in at the Justice Department in Washington. On Wednesday, the Justice Department said it is appointing Mueller as special counsel to oversee the probe into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-FBI boss to lead probe

POLITICS

President faces heightened pressure

Besieged from all sides, the Trump administration appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to oversee the federal investigation into allegations Russia and Donald Trump's campaign collaborated to influence the 2016 presidential election.

The appointment came as Democrats insisted ever more loudly that someone outside Trump's Justice Department must handle the politically charged investigation. An increasing number of Republicans, too, have joined in calling for Congress to dig deeper, especially after Trump fired FBI director James Comey who had been leading the bureau's probe.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump complained in a commencement address that "no politician in history" has been treated worse by his foes, even as exasperated fellow Republicans slowly joined the clamour for a significant investigation into whether he tried to quash the FBI's probe.

Three congressional committees, all led by Republicans, confirmed they wanted to hear from Comey, whose notes about a February meeting with the president indicate Trump urged him to drop the bureau's investigation of fired national security adviser Michael Flynn. Congressional investigators are seeking Comey's memos, as well as documents from the Justice

+ MARKETS

The growing political drama in Washington rattled Wall Street Wednesday, knocking the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 370 points and giving the stock market its biggest single-day slump in eight months. Investors worried that the political turmoil that has enveloped the White House may hinder Trump's plans to cut taxes, roll back government regulations and other aspects of his pro-business agenda.

Department related to the firing.

Many Democrats also were calling for an independent special counsel, or prosecutor.

The latest political storm, coupled with the still-potent fallout from Trump's recent disclosure of classified information to Russian diplomats, overshadowed all else in the capital and beyond. Stocks fell sharply on Wall Street as investors worried that the latest turmoil in Washington could hinder Trump's pro-business agenda.

Republicans, frustrated by the president's relentless parade of problems, largely sought to cool the heated climate with assurances they would get to the bottom of scandals.

Unimpressed, Rep. Elijah Cummings, top Democrat on a key House oversight panel, said, "Speaker Ryan has shown he has zero, zero, zero appetite for any investigation of Donald Trump." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAVEL

Talks end with no airplane laptop ban

Talks on a proposed U.S. ban on laptops and tablets in flights from Europe ended Wednesday with no ban — and a promise of more talks and better intelligence sharing.

For days now, European Union officials have been hoping for details on the threat that prompted the proposed ban — the same details that U.S. President Donald Trump discussed with Russian diplomats at the White House last

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The number of people who travel between Europe and North America each year on nearly 400 daily flights.

week.

The airline industry came out against the proposal in a strongly worded letter that said

it would cause a severe downturn in trans-Atlantic air travel and cost travellers more than a billion dollars in lost time.

On Wednesday, in a secure room in Brussels, officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the European Union swapped information about threats involving air travel.

An official who followed the talks said the ban was "off the table" for now. He spoke on

condition of anonymity to release details of the sensitive negotiations.

They also shared details about their aviation security standards and detection capabilities, and agreed to meet again in Washington next week "to further assess shared risks and solutions for protecting airline passengers, whilst ensuring the smooth functioning of global air travel," according to a joint statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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WINNIPEG

Charges laid in killing of woman

Police have charged three men in the killing of a cousin of Tina Fontaine, a teenager whose death fuelled calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Police in Winnipeg say Jeanne Chantel Fontaine, 29, was shot in March before the home she was in was set on fire.

She was later taken off life-support.

Const. Jay Murray said police believe the suspects went to the home looking for a man over a methamphetamine deal. Fontaine was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Malcolm Miles Mitchell is charged with second-degree murder and arson. Jason Michael Meilleur is charged with manslaughter and Christopher Mathew Brass faces counts of manslaughter and arson.



Jeanne Chantel Fontaine
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FEDERAL POLITICS

Refugee reforms score a failing grade



An RCMP officer helps asylum seekers cross the border from New York in March in Hemmingford, Que.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Five years after Ottawa rolled out controversial reforms to build a "faster and fairer" asylum system, also meant to boot out failed refugees quickly, the verdict is in.

Despite the changes made by the former Conservative government in 2012, the revamped refugee system has failed to hear claims within tight statutory processing timelines or get rid of the backlog, reports a new study released by the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

"The aim of the Balanced Refugee Reform Act and the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act was to make the system faster, fairer and more cost effective," said Ryerson University criminology professor Idil Atak, who co-wrote the review with Graham Hudson at Ryerson and University of Ottawa professor Delphine Nakache.

"But the new system is not faster. It is not fairer. It is not more cost-effective."

For most asylum claimants, refugee hearings are supposed

to be held no later than 60 days after the claim is referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board, while those from the government-designated list of "safe" countries will be heard as quickly as within 30 days.

Despite the drop in the volume of asylum claims by half over the course of one year, from 20,427 in 2012 to 10,322 in 2013, only 55 per cent of the safe-country claims met the 30-day target, compared to seven out of 10 claims from non-safe countries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON JAGMEET SINGH, CULTURE AND QUEBEC



He doesn't need the province to take the party leadership. But the niqab episode of the 2015 election could cause worries that a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature is a recipe for disaster.

A betting person might wager that Jagmeet Singh — unless he stumbles badly and quickly out of the gate — could soon be the candidate to beat in the battle for Thomas Mulcair's succession. With solid roots in the Ontario NDP — whose deputy leader he was until this week — and in multicultural Canada, Singh has the elements of a potential leadership juggernaut at his disposal.

The Sikh community is one of the most politically engaged in the country and Ontario offers the largest provincial pool of potential NDP supporters.

Singh has no federal experience but that did not prevent Alexa McDonough who had spent all her years in the Nova Scotia arena before moving on to Parliament Hill and Jack Layton who cut his teeth at Toronto City Hall from winning the leadership.

On a week when France has sworn in a 39-year-old president, it is hard to make



NEW VALUES NDP hopeful Jagmeet Singh doesn't need overwhelming support from Quebec to win the leadership race, and it helps that he speaks excellent French, Chantal Hébert writes. BLAIR GABLE/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

a case that Singh, 38, is too young for the job of third party leader in the House of Commons.

He does not have much of a profile outside of Ontario and NDP circles. But then none of the four MPs who are already in the running is a national household name either. On

that score, suffice it to say that there may have been more words written about Singh's leadership prospects before and since his entry in the NDP race than the sum of the characters expanded on all the other candidates.

As opposed to the Liberals and the Conservatives, the

New Democrats do not weight their leadership votes on a riding-per-riding basis. Under the party's winner-take-all one-member-one-vote formula, it is easier to secure the leadership with little or no support from some regions, especially if one enjoys a lot of backing in Ontario and British Columbia. Those two provinces have tended to tower above the others on the NDP membership rolls.

This is a roundabout way to say that Singh would not need to win Quebec or even to do particularly well in that province to score a decisive leadership victory next fall. In the last election, the party was routed in Ontario and wiped off the map of Atlantic Canada. In the circumstances, more than a few New Democrats might rank recouping the lost ground in those regions above other considerations.

With two leaders from Quebec — Justin Trudeau and

the Bloc Québécois' Martine Ouellet — and possibly a third if Maxime Bernier wins the upcoming Conservative vote, competition among native sons and daughters will be fierce in 2019. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will not have as large a footprint in Quebec. The party will have an uphill battle on its hands in the province under any leadership scenario.

Still, it took half-a-century for the NDP to establish a presence in Quebec. No one wants

On a week when France has sworn in a 39-year-old president, it is hard to make a case that Singh is too young.

to see Jack Layton's parting gift to his party squandered.

All of which has many New Democrats — starting with the party's 16 Quebec MPs — quietly wondering how Quebec, given its strong pro-secular bent, would take to a turban-wearing Sikh NDP leader. It was not so long ago that the Parti Québécois was campaigning on a promise to impose a secular dress code on all public servants.

Based on the niqab episode of the 2015 election, there are those who would readily answer that going into the 2019 campaign in Quebec under a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature could be a recipe for disaster.

But that may amount to selling Quebecers short. Yes, the NDP took a hit in Quebec over the niqab issue but it was the scores of lapsed Liberal supporters who returned home that really pulled the rug from under Mulcair. Trudeau almost tripled the party's vote — mostly at the expense of New Democrats. Quebec's secularism debate has so far been a family discussion that has for the most part involved politicians who do not actually belong to a visible religious minority.

Singh's French would put to shame some of the former Conservative ministers who have spent the past year calling on their party to overlook their glaring deficiencies in the other official language.

No one should presume that an NDP leader who can otherwise connect in French with Quebecers would automatically lose the party's audience in the province on grounds of religious diversity.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.



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Will Smith defends Netflix

CANNES

Palme d'Or jury is split on the merits of online films

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The war of big vs. small movie screens at the Cannes Film Festival heated up Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Pedro Almodovar declared that prizes shouldn't be given to online-only films.

"I personally would not conceive not only the Palme d'Or but any other prize being given to a film and then not being able to see this film on the large screen," the veteran Spanish filmmaker told an international press audience on the festival's opening day.

Calling it "the debate of this year," Almodovar was clearly referring to the two Netflix films among the 19 competing for the Palme: Bong Joon-ho's sci-fi fantasy *Okja*, starring Tilda Swinton and Jake Gyllenhaal; and Noah Baumbach's *The Meyerowitz Stories*, a dysfunctional-family drama starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller.

Online giant Netflix has caused a furor in Cannes for refusing to commit to a traditional theatrical release in France of the two films prior to online distribution. Cannes has fought back by saying Netflix, which is in the Palme competition for the first time this year, won't be allowed into the 2018 festival unless it changes its policy.

Almodovar obviously sides with the festival, but his state-



Jury president Pedro Almodovar (left) with fellow jury members Jessica Chastain and Will Smith at the 70th international Cannes Film Festival Tuesday. AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT

ment, read out in Spanish, English and French, was highly unusual given his leading role on the nine-member jury. The other jurors are Hollywood actors Will Smith and Jessica Chastain, German writer/director Maren Ade (*Toni Erdmann*); Chinese actress Fan Bingbing (*X-Men: Days of Future Past*); French actress/singer/filmmaker Agnès Jaoui (*The Taste of Others*); South Korean writer/director Park Chan-wook (*Oldboy*); Italian writer/director Paolo Sorrentino (*The Great*

(My kids) go to the movies twice a week, and they watch Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix. Will Smith

Beauty); and French-Lebanese composer Gabriel Yared (*Xavier Dolan's It's Only the End of the World*).

Normally, the jurors and their president go out of their way at the start of Cannes to

declare their impartiality regarding the films they will be viewing and judging over the 12-day festival.

Almodovar obviously thinks the battle to preserve big-screen dominance is too im-

portant to ignore, even if it effectively suggest that *Okja* and *The Meyerowitz Stories* now have little chance of winning the Palme at festival's end on May 28, no matter how much the jury may like them.

He said he's willing to "acknowledge (and) celebrate the new technologies and the possibilities that they offer to us," but he'll stop short of giving them prizes if they result in films destined only to appear on TV and computer screens.

"I do acknowledge them,

but (as long) as I'm alive, I'll be fighting for one thing that I'm afraid the new generation is not aware of: the capacity of hypnosis of the large screen for the viewer."

Almodovar's attack on Netflix caused some discomfort for actor Smith, sitting near him. His new film *Bright*, a fantasy cop thriller co-starring Noomi Rapace, is scheduled for a Netflix-only release in December.

Smith rose to the defence of Netflix, saying he uses the service at home and his family also enjoy regular visits to movie theatres.

"I have a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old and a 24-year-old at home. They go to the movies twice a week, and they watch Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix."

Netflix allows Smith's children to "watch films they otherwise wouldn't have seen. It has broadened my children's global cinematic comprehension."

Smith was an unusual pick for the Cannes jury, given his career as one of the world's biggest stars, which normally lands him in blockbusters like *Men in Black*, *Bad Boys* and *Suicide Squad* rather than artier fare.

He joked about how he's excited about being on the Cannes jury, and he intends to watch closely and learn from the experience.

Smith admitted, though, to being shocked when his agent told him he'd have to watch three films per day for the better part of two weeks, with screenings beginning as early as 8:30 a.m. each day.

"I was probably 14 years old the last time I watched three movies in a day," he said.

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Quiet community off the beaten track

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Project overview

Solstice at McConachie promises family living at its best. The new, affordable community boasts a variety of home styles. Offering a sense of community belonging to the city's northeast, Solstice is also far enough off the beaten path to create a home that can be a serene getaway.

Location and transit

Bus service makes for an easy link to Clareview and Belvedere stations and the Manning Town Centre, all with transit links to downtown or post-secondary sites. Drivers can make good time via the Anthony Henday Drive, just moments away, or by taking Manning Drive and Yellowhead Trail.

Housing amenities

Solstice boasts three bedrooms duplexes with two and a half baths, second floor laundry and tandem three-car attached garage. An open concept main floor features nine-foot ceilings, kitchen island and big pantry. Upstairs, a five-piece ensuite with make-up table is a luxurious touch.

In the neighbourhood

The northeast has established amenities, all levels of schools and green spaces. Londonderry Mall is one of several nearby, with groceries, banking, shops and services. The walkable area is great for cycling or a jog. Expect more amenities with future developments. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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DIY

Planting a natural dye garden can be easy and inexpensive

As interest in eco-friendly products grows, it's no surprise that artists and other creative types are planting natural dye gardens.

Low-cost and easy to grow, dye gardens can be planted just about anywhere. Over the centuries, popular plants used for dyes included indigo, madder and saffron. Tree tannins, lichen and fungi, as well as flowers, leaves, stems and even roots were also made into dyes.

Brian Parker of Home Depot says plants grown in a home garden can produce lovely dyes.

"Combining plants like hibiscus and lavender will yield richer colours — try experimenting, just as you would with paints," he says. "Hibiscus is a great plant for a beautiful purple dye. Add lemon and salt when dyeing a camellia plant and you'll get a



These natural dyes were made from five summer garden blooms: purple hollyhock, hydrangea, pink and red wild rose, sunflower and dyer's coreopsis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

bright pink, magenta colour. Roses and lavender can bring out a brilliant pink dye with just

a little mint and lemon juice. Marigolds and sunflowers produce shades of yellow; use both

the stalks and the petals for the most potent colour."

Chris Dalziel is a gardener, homesteader and fibre artist in Greenwood, B.C.

"I recommend planning your garden around both perennials and annuals, with a thought to the colours that each plant gives," she advises.

"Aim to have the three primary colours — blue, red, and yellow — represented in your garden in abundance. From these, the full rainbow of colours will be available to you."

Chamomile, yarrow, goldenrod and coreopsis all yield different shades of yellow. "By planning for several yellows, you'll also have many greens and oranges to choose from," Dalziel says.

Owyn Ruck and Visnja Popovic, co-founders of New York's Textile Arts Center, recommend planting what's native to your area. Not only are plants more likely to thrive, but their colour intensity is affected by conditions like sun exposure, moisture and temperature. Plants also may produce different dye quantities at various points in their life cycles.

Good books on the gardening, foraging and dye-making include Ruck and Popovic's *The Textile Artist's Studio Handbook*; Kristine Vejar's *The Modern Natural Dyer: A Comprehensive Guide*

to Dyeing Silk, Wool, Linen and Cotton at Home; and Chris McLaughlin's *A Garden to Dye For*.

Vejar, of Oakland, Calif., discusses unusual non-flower natural dyes like onion, rhubarb and eucalyptus. McLaughlin, who also lives in Northern California, includes vegetables, such as black beans, red cabbage and beets.

Making dye from plants generally requires chopping them up, adding water and boiling them. Natural fibers like silk, cotton, wool and muslin take dyes best. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A new beginning for newcomers

Financial program helps new Canadians build their future

For immigrants, foreign workers and international students new to Canada, one of the first priorities is getting on a firm financial footing.

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To help newcomers build a strong financial foundation in Canada, Scotiabank in 2008 launched its StartRight program. The goal of the program is "to help newcomers open the door to their new start in Canada," says Munsif Sheraly, Director of Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. The program functions as a one-stop shop that helps newcomers with various aspects of their life in Canada. "From setting up your bank account and managing your money to investing for your future," says Sheraly, "Scotiabank offers the right solutions and advice."

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— Munsif Sheraly

Because Scotiabank has partnerships with financial institutions around the world, StartRight lets new Canadians open an account even before they arrive in this country. Newcomers can open accounts online before arriving from 16 countries — including Chile, Columbia, India, the U.K. and more — and transfer money into that account so it's available when they arrive in Canada. Enrico, a StartRight participant, set up a Scotiabank account before he and his family left their native Philippines. "From there we could start building our credit rating," he says. "And when we got to Canada we had a credit card — absent a job, income or credit history — within a week's time."

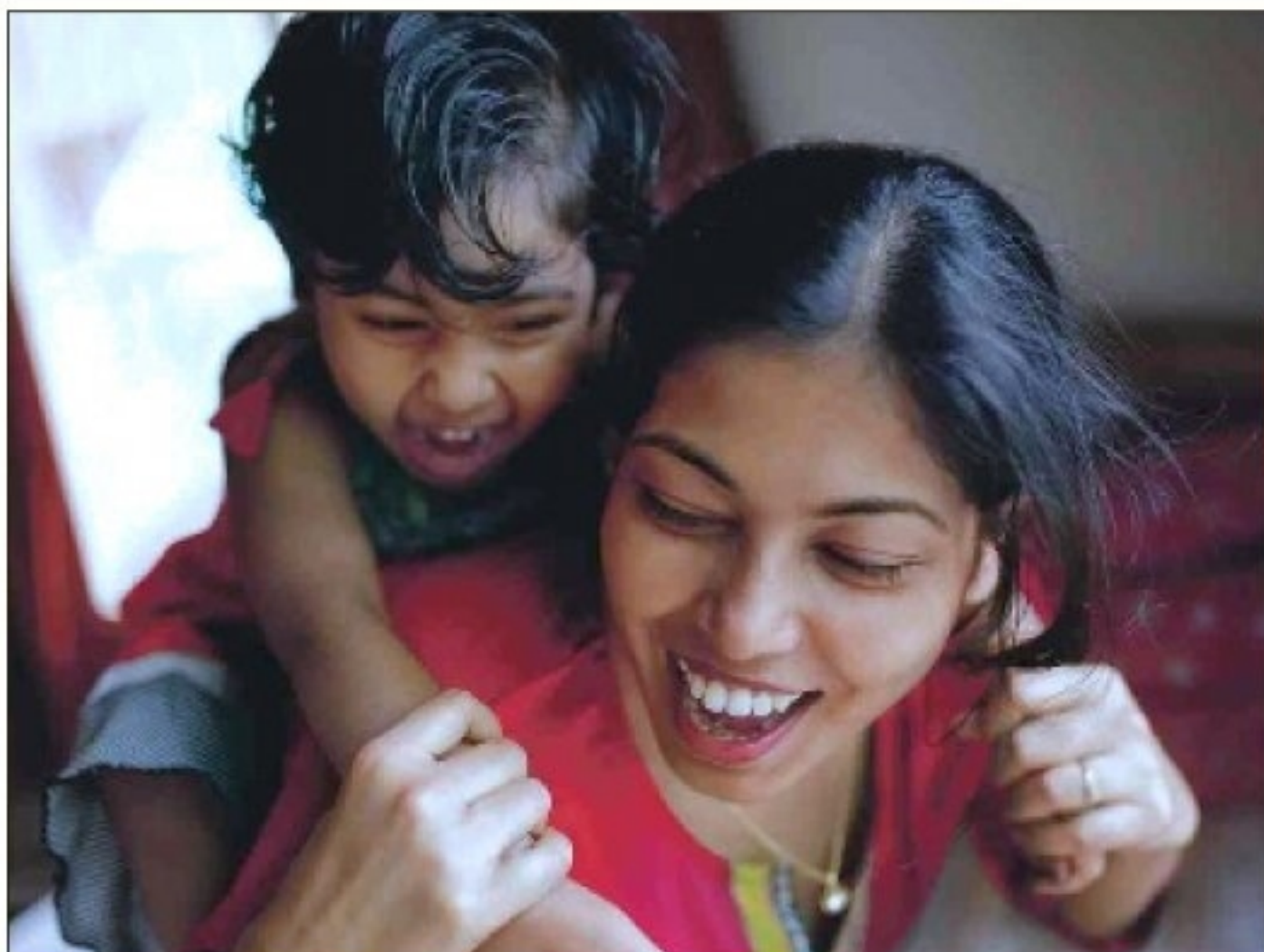
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when it comes to feeling financially settled in a new country. Intangible benefits, such as being able to speak to an advisor in your own language, can go a long way toward making newcomers feel comfortable in their adopted home. And because the StartRight program has been actively working with immigrant, foreign worker and international student communities for almost a decade, its advisors have a lot of experience serving newcomers and their unique needs.

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1 Fish and Brewis

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3 Donair

The official food of Halifax, the Donair was

4 Tourtière

A slow-cooked meat pie from Quebec, the classic version is made with ground pork and potatoes (although regional variations might include wild game).

5 Montreal smoked meat

What makes Montreal smoked meat different from briskets in delis across North America? The beef is marin-

ated with salts and spices for a week before it's smoked and steamed.

7 Persians

Unique to Thunder Bay, this cinnamon-bun-like treat is coated with a sticky pink icing flavoured with either strawberries or raspberries — the recipe remains a secret!

6 Butter tarts

Originating in pioneer times in Upper Canada, this flaky tart is filled with a mix of butter, sugar syrup and egg. The mark of a good tart is a filling that's slightly runny.

8 Saskatoon Berry Pie

This flavourful pie is a favourite on the prairies. It's made from the wild Saskatoon berry, which resembles a blueberry but with tiny seeds like a raspberry.

9 Bloody Caesar

Invented in Calgary in 1969, Canadians take this spicy vodka and tomato/clam juice cocktail for granted (350 million Caesars are served annually) until they try and order one outside of our borders.

10 Nanaimo Bars

There are many variations of this popular square, but they all feature yellow custard layered between a slab of chocolate and a coconut-graham crust.



introduced in 1973, when a local restaurant switched from serving traditional Turkish beef kebabs to a version made with lamb and a sweet sauce.



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"This team is a lot of fun to be around this year": GM Danny Ainge whose Celtics won the NBA lottery Tuesday on the eve of the NBA East finals

Ducks forced to dig deep

2017 PLAYOFFS
WESTERN FINAL

Coach Carlyle searching for ways to come out in full flight

The post-season can be exhausting, and playing four games in seven nights going from an emotional Game 7 to wrap up one series to the Western Conference finals is starting to take a toll on the Anaheim Ducks.

Playing the Nashville Predators inside the NHL's toughest arena in nearly 20 years sure isn't helping.

Coach Randy Carlyle said Wednesday that his Ducks just ran out of gas after taking a 1-0 lead Tuesday night in Game 3. The Predators scored twice in the

third, not counting two goals waved off for goalie interference, and pulled out a 2-1 victory for a 2-1 lead in the Western finals.

Carlyle said he thought his Ducks were flat with emotion and credited the Predators for taking that out of them. A schedule that had Anaheim starting this series less than 48 hours after ousting Edmonton in a deciding seventh game doesn't help either.

"You look back and you say, 'Hey, we played Game 7 a week ago today,'" Carlyle said Wednesday. "You know, so that's four games in six nights or seven nights. And

then you get more of an understanding of the intensity and the drainage that does take place on your people."

Then there's the challenge of playing in Nashville where the Predators just notched their 10th straight playoff win dating to last season.

It's the NHL's longest streak since Detroit won 10 straight in 1997-98 after Colorado went 11-0 in 1996-97. The Predators are just the 10th

team to win at least 10 straight at home in the playoffs since the NHL expanded in 1967-68. It's the 15th time an NHL team



Now we're looking forward to the intensity ramping up.

P.K. Subban

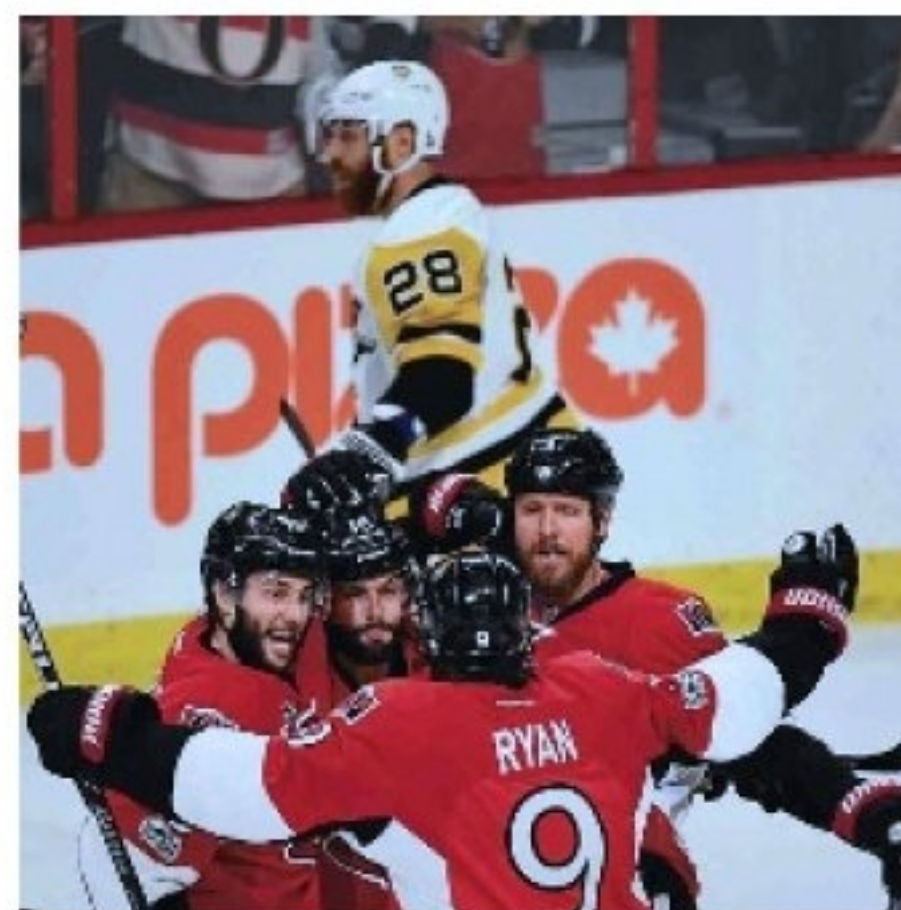
has ran off 10 consecutive playoff wins at home.

Nashville started this last year against these very same Ducks. Anaheim won the first two games in Nashville by a margin of 7-1 before the Predators won Game 6 in taking the first-round series in seven.

They haven't lost since, winning the first six at home this post-season despite being the last team in the West into the playoffs as the second wild-card.

Game 4 is Thursday night. The Nashville fans just keep getting louder with each game, drawing new respect and attention for the home atmosphere from across the NHL.

"I've played in loud rinks, but this one blows that away," Nashville's James Neal said. "The fans that are unbelievable. It's a special place to play, and it continues to get louder." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



EASTERN FINAL SENS STRIKE DOWN PENS IN GAME 3 The Senators celebrate Derick Brassard's goal that capped off a four-goal first period against the Pittsburgh Penguins during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final on Wednesday night in Ottawa. The Senators won 5-1 to take a 2-1 series lead.

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NFL

Brady played with head injury: Gisele

Tom Brady played through a concussion last year on his way to a fifth Super Bowl title, according to his wife, supermodel Gisele Bündchen. The injury, which was not reported by the team, left her worried about how long he should continue to play football.

Asked if she wanted the New England Patriots quarterback to retire, Bündchen expressed concern "as a wife" in an interview on CBS This Morning that aired Wednesday.

"He had a concussion last year. He has concussions pretty much every ..." she said, before cutting herself off. "I mean, we don't talk about it. But he does have concussions. I don't really think it's a healthy thing for anybody to go through."

Brady sat out the first four games of the season as punishment for his role in the "Deflategate" scandal and missed practice late in the season for leg, thigh and ankle injuries.

But he was not listed on the league-required injury reports for a concussion or head injury at any point during in the 2016 season.

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That kind of aggression all the time, that cannot be healthy for you. I'm planning on him being healthy and do a lot of fun things when we're like 100, I hope.
Gisele Bündchen



IN BRIEF

Oilers sign junior goalie

The Edmonton Oilers have signed goaltender Dylan Wells to a three-year entry level contract.

Wells appeared in 52 regular-season games for the Ontario Hockey League's Peterborough Petes in 2016-17, registering a 3.07 goals-against average and a .916 save percentage. He tied for third in the OHL with 33 wins.

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Romero stands out in Manchester United draw

Sergio Romero showed Manchester United will be in safe hands in the Europa League final by saving an early penalty and producing many other great stops in a 0-0 draw at Southampton in the Premier League on Wednesday.

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Raonic advances in Rome

Canada's Milos Raonic advanced to the third round of the Italian Open with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Germany's Tommy Haas on Wednesday in Rome.

Raonic lost only 13 service points while firing 10 aces. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Hearty Panzanella Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



1/2 Tbsp dijon mustard
• salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Toss the first seven ingredients in your salad bowl first so that everything is evenly distributed.
2. Whisk together the last four ingredients in a small bowl until they are well combine.
3. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up. Keep adding the dressing and tossing and tasting. You want to the bread to be moist and soften but not drowned by the dressing.

This hearty salad is delicious on its own, but feel free to make it into a more complete meal by topping it with chopped rotisserie chicken.

Ready in 15 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 cups of slightly stale crusty bread, like baguette
- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives
- 1/2 cup or so of shaved parmesan
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 red wine vinegar

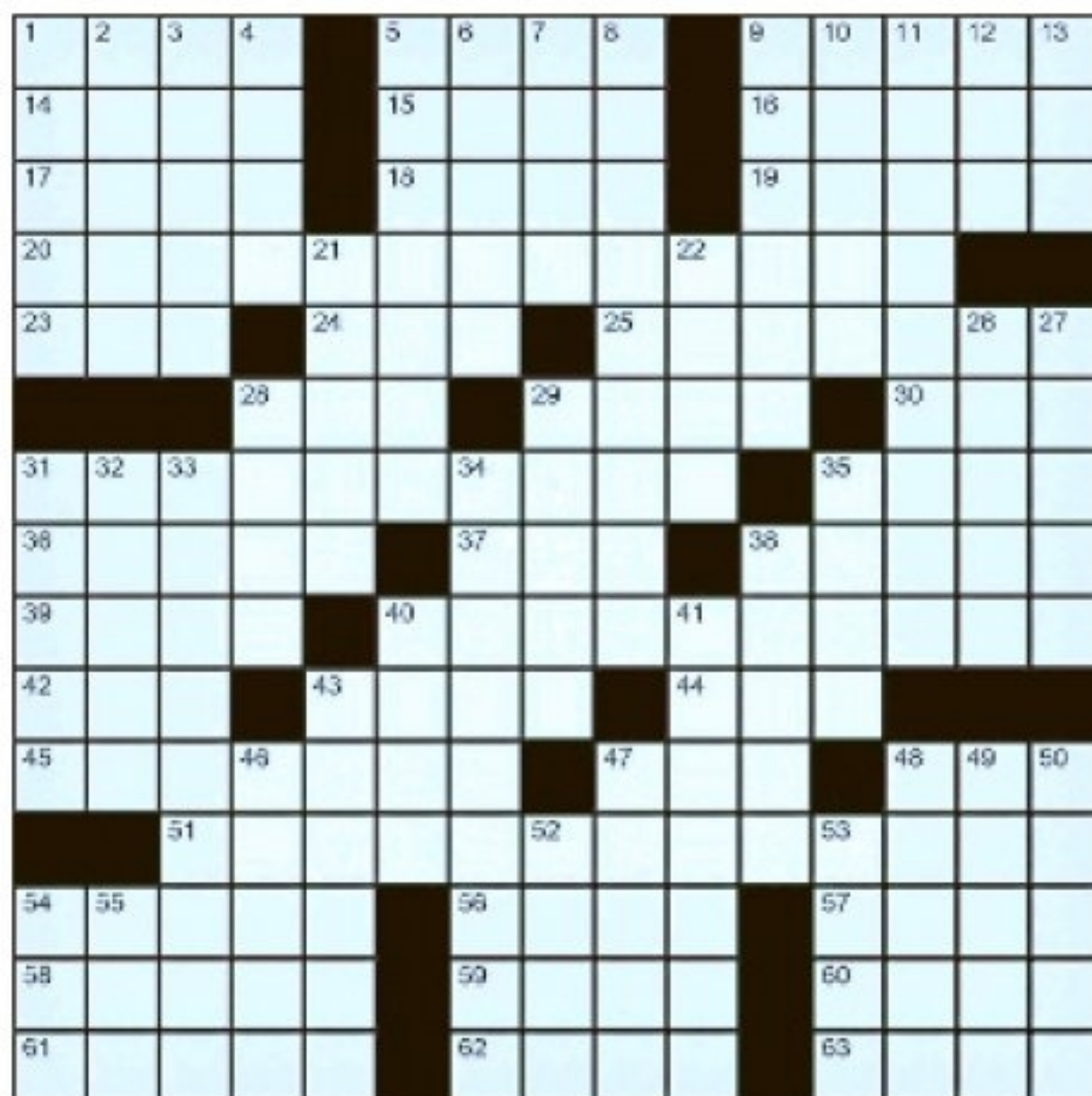
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ACROSS

1. Bird's crop
5. Shania Twain trophy, e.g.
9. Leg bone
14. Toy building block
15. Repenter
16. Stop!, in sailing
17. Finito
18. Env. info
19. Ceremonies
20. Ontario: __ Corners (Uniquely-named hamlet in Wilmot Township which is in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo)
23. Arrange
24. The Honourable Dr. Vivienne __, retired Canadian Senator
25. Garden chore
28. Mr. Wheaton
29. Love letter's envelope letters
30. "Golly."
31. Container for Canadian dairy brand Sealtest: 2 wds.
35. __ upswing
36. Mr. Sharif's
37. War on Poverty agcy.
38. Shipping container
39. "It's my turn": 2 wds.
40. Where to find deals on pre-owned vehicles: 2 wds.
42. Cleaning cloth
43. Baking meas.
44. Bean and Cool J
45. One sticking to the rules
47. Movies composer Francis
48. Air travel over-



- seer [acronym]
51. They cascade across the way in New York from Canada at Niagara: 2 wds.
54. "Like a Rolling Stone" __ Dylan
56. Phyllis Diller's husband's name from her stand-up act

57. See
58. Actor Nick
59. Lake, in Italy
60. Horse part
61. Once __ (Every seven days)
62. Vigour [abbr.]
63. Goulash

DOWN

1. Horseshoes-on-cobblestones noises
2. Variety show
3. Insurance __
4. Employment
5. Crayons creator
6. Jim of Blue Rodeo
7. Beatles' "Love

8. Vulcan County village in Alberta that's south-east of Calgary
9. Herb __ (TV character who wore loud suits)
10. Foliaged, as stone walls
11. Gotham City Police

- Department searchlight to summon The Dark Knight
12. 'Expert' suffix
13. Cadillac __ Sedan
21. Sagas
22. Mr. Cain
26. "Swell!"
27. Jean __ (The Balcony dramatist)
28. Cincinnati radio station for #9-Down
29. Heighty, as a hill
31. Ms. Shearer of "The Red Shoes" (1948)
32. Fuming one's statement: 2 wds.
33. Funny
34. Complained-about Canadian-manufactured infantry firearm of WWI: 2 wds.
35. Bruins legend Bobby's
38. San Diego's li'l state
40. Taxi alternative service
41. Loud noisiness, States-style
43. "Jeopardy!" host Alex
46. Theatrically overact
47. Actress, Jessica __
48. Parade route display
49. Solo
50. Awry
52. James of "Misery" (1990)
53. Donations
54. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
55. "Ouch!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be prepared to act on an unexpected opportunity in publishing, the media, medicine, the law or anything to do with training and higher education. You will have to act quickly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see new and innovative ways to approach an inheritance or shared property. Be open. The rigid tree is the first to snap in a storm.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Difficulties in partnerships and close friendships suddenly might reveal a solution or a way to feel more free. Whatever presents itself will have a brief window of opportunity.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
New ideas that are imaginative and original might help you at work. Similarly, new ideas also might give you a boost to your health. Keep an open mind (but not so open that everything falls out).

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A new approach to working with children might arise now. Whatever happens will be a welcome change.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might see new ways to make improvements where you live. You might even decide to move to a new place. It's possible that family news will surprise you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A surprise opportunity to change jobs or residences might fall in your lap. If so, be ready to act quickly, because the window of opportunity is brief.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might see improved and innovative ideas about how to earn money. You might improve your current job or get a better job — who knows?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are pumped with enthusiasm because you see a way to make a breakthrough in a new area that you are exploring. Something definitely will expand your world, and it's exciting!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
After giving up so much for others, you are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Something ahead looks promising!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
New friends and contacts with groups and organizations might change your world. You will expand it in a way that makes you feel more in touch with how things are done.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Surprise opportunities that can help you in your career are now at hand. Don't hesitate to take them. (You might not get a second chance.)

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